

Raritan Valley Arts Association established 1939

September 2003 NEWSLETTER

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Late (ouch!) Summer Greetings!

As I write this Newsletter it's high 80s and delightfully sunny, and the summer is racing by way too fast! However, RVAA has a most delightful way to start the fall season for you! Program Chairwoman Debbie Tintle has arranged for artist Al Grafke to give us a watercolor demo! Monday, September 22, 7:30 pm at the Somerset County Library is the time and place. Some of you have enjoyed a previous demo by Al and so we know you'll be back; those of you who haven't seen Al demo are in for a treat. Of course, Al's a Full Member of the NJWC Society and a multi-award winner. He has graciously offered to raffle off his demo painting at the end of the evening! How fabulous is that! Which RVAA member, or--guest will be the lucky recipient? (Thanks, Debbie!)

In October our meeting will be on the 27th and in November the 24th.

Linda Arnold requests that if we want cookies or other treats at the September meeting to please give her a call at 908/647-3610. In fact, Linda would love some RVAAer to call and volunteer to be Hospitality Chair (carry the coffeepot to the meetings, send a goody sign-up sheet around) or--Exhibit Chair--for our long-missed judged part of our annual Holiday Show at the library.

If it's September, it's DUES TIME. \$22. Individual dues; \$28. Family; and \$10. Students (through high school). Please send a check made out to RVAA to our Membership Chairman Doug Axmann, 16 Schoolhouse Lane, Somerville, 08876. Our membership dues are less than any other art organization, and we have so many demos! Also we've been having at least two exhibiting chances a year, the annual dinner, and the NEWSLETTER. So it behooves you to move you to your checkbook now. And if you want to bring a guest to see Al's demo, and introduce someone new to RVAA, please do.

Mary Creasy, who is once again (Thank you!) Chairwoman of RVAA's Art Show at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside (right off Rt. 22, just west of Westfield), brings news of our upcoming show there. We can only use the center hallway this time, so the number of paintings we can hang has been reduced to around 40. We will have sign-up in September and we'll have to limit the number of paintings to two per artist, or one if very large. There is no entrance fee, but each artist is asked to contribute 20% of any sale to the hospital.

Paintings will be received on Saturday, November 1st between 10 and 11.
Pick-up will be on Saturday, November 29th between 10 and 11.

RVAA would like to send out good wishes for a speedier recovery to our member (and Master Frammer) Florence White, who had a serious operation on one foot, and before the operation on the second foot could be done, Florence unfortunately broke the foot. Linda reports Florence is in casts (if you'd like to send a note of cheer, she is at 834 Country Club Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807). As Linda says, we all hope Florence will be "on her feet" soon!

Meanwhile your also editor hopes you will send news-in-notes to her at the address above on the heading. And thank you very much!

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

LINDA ARNOLD had a one-woman show at the Madison Gallery of the Morristown Memorial Hospital from July 26th--September 6th. Linda also had work accepted into the juried "Watercolor L.B.I." show at the Jane Law Gallery on Long Beach Island, NJ.

After winning top awards in the Juried Show at the Louisa Melrose Gallery, GAY BILLICH and CAROL STAUB were asked to do a special two-women show at that Gallery. Carol is one of only five artists in the exhibit "Contemporary Expressions" at the A.E. "Bean" Backus Gallery & Museum on No. Indian River Drive in Fort Pierce, Florida. The exhibit runs September 9-27.

DIANA PATTON's exhibit at the Morristown Memorial Hospital's Rehab Center's Gallery ran June 18--September 27th. She also exhibited on North Haven Island, Maine.

SONJA WEIR had a double exhibit at the Somerset County Library in August. Sonja had both full-size paintings in different media (in the Circular Gallery) and miniatures (in the cases) and several of her students also had their work on exhibit, also in different media.

Okay! Time to go sunnyside--but do send me your news!